

East Central Washington

About 60 percent of the state's wheat acreage is an area where precipitation averages less than 12 inches a year. The Centennial Farms in the East Central region are representative of the dryland farms in this area. They operate in sharp contrast to the farms of the region's Columbia Basin Project where, starting in the 1950s, irrigation water transformed half a million acres of desert plateau into highly productive farmland, with Grant, Adams and Franklin counties now among the top agricultural counties in the state.

As a group, these 37 farms are the youngest of the state's Centennial Farms, with all but one established in the 1880s as settlers and the railroad moved into the area. Just over half are in Lincoln County.

They are also the largest of the state's Centennial Farms. Many of the region's farms have expanded in size over the last 25 years and most of these have more than doubled.



Ron Jirava collaborates with Washington State University's crop and soil scientists, with a research site on his Adams County farm since 1996.

More so than with other wheat-growing Centennial Farms, the farms in this region are operated by their owners, and it's often a family affair to get the seasonal work done. Robert Mielke, an owner-operator of the 14,000-acre Mielke Brothers, Inc., in



Max Mielke of Mielke Brothers, Inc., takes a break from swathing triticale on the family's Lincoln County farm.

Lincoln County, said his four children return to the farm regularly to help with harvest, haying, branding and gathering cattle.

Dryland Farming's Unique Challenges

These five counties accounted for 36 percent of the state's wheat production in 2014, harvesting 39.1 million bushels of wheat. Lincoln County produced almost 40 percent of the region's wheat.

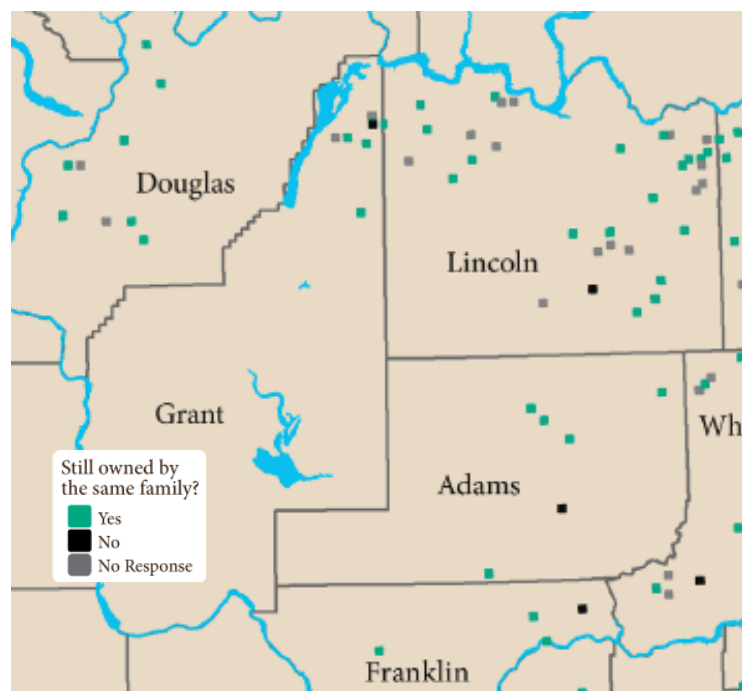
In this driest of the state's dryland farming regions, the land is susceptible to both water and wind erosion. Wheat production is never a sure thing, prices are subject to global forces and equipment is a major investment. To make the most of the little precipitation the land receives and to better conserve the soil, some, like the Gaffney Farm in Lincoln County, have changed to direct-seeding

and a crop rotation system. Jerry Sheffels, an owner of the Sheffels Farm in Lincoln County, said his farm changed its system twice since 1989, and now uses no-till direct seed.

Most of the Centennial farms also reported growing fewer types of crops in 2014 than 1989. All but one of the Centennial Farms in Adams and Douglas counties reported only wheat or cattle as the crop or livestock produced in 2014. Most Lincoln County farms

Response to Reconnecting with Washington's Centennial Farms

Of the 60 Centennial Farms in East Central Washington, 42 responded to the 2014 questionnaire. Of those, 37 continue to be owned by a descendant of the 1889 landowner.



reported both wheat and barley, with many mixed crop and livestock operations.

Three Centennial Farms reported all their cropland was enrolled in the federal Conservation Reserve Program, which has played a major role in the region. Since CRP's inception in 1986, Douglas and Adams counties have accounted for the greatest number of enrolled acres in the state. In 2014, 718,000 enrolled acres – just over half of the state's total – were in this five-county region.



Cattle on Mielke Brothers, Inc.

Centennial Farmers also report increased use of modern equipment with GPS, self-steering tractors and combines. The cost of such equipment is high, leading to larger farm operations to gain economies of scale.

Centennial Farms by the numbers: 1989 vs 2014

- Of the 37 farms still in the family, 15 are owned by the same owners as in 1989, 17 have been passed on to a child or grandchild, and five are owned by the 1989 owner and the next generation.
- Twenty-seven farms list the current owner as the day-to-day operator of the farm, two list a child or grandchild as the operator, three a cousin and five are operated by a non-relative.
- The general trend in farm size is larger, with the average number of acres operated almost doubling, from 2,594 acres in 1989 to 4,941 acres in 2014.
- The size of farm operations in 1989 ranged from 160 to 10,000 acres, and in 2014, from 320 to 80,000 acres.
- As in 1989, the top crops in 2014 are wheat, barley and beef cattle, though fewer farms listed barley and cattle.
- Five farms are no longer owned by their Centennial Farm families with one sold to another Centennial Farm. All are still in agriculture.

ADAMS COUNTY

The Bauer Farm, est. 1884

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Current Owner: Janet Girton Walthew, Michael Henry Girton, Ann Morrison Rayment

Relationship to 1989 Owner: children

Current Operator: Mark Schoesler

Relationship to Owner: not related, though our families were on the same wagon train in 1882

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
		Farmed	Owned	Operated		
1989	2014	1989	2014		1988	2014
160	160	1,000	1,000	1,000	Wheat	Wheat

Changes in the Past 25 Years: The large horse barn and Model T garage are still standing, as is a former one-room schoolhouse where my Grandmother Florence T. Bauer taught. The schoolhouse has been converted to a garage.

Additional Information: With the death of Fern Bauer Morrison in April 2009, ownership went to her three children.

Contact: Janet Walthew, 3019 211 St. S.W., Lynnwood, WA 98036

Figure 3 Ranch, est. 1889

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Current Owner: Ed and Bill Victor, Gerry Victor Estate

Relationship to 1989 Owner: same

Current Operator: Ed Victor

Relationship to Owner: one of the owners

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
		Farmed	Owned	Operated		
1989	2014	1989	2014		1988	2014
640	640	7,600	7,600	7,600	Cattle	Cattle

Changes in the Past 25 Years: Mary Edna Dooley Victor died in 1997 and her son Gerry died in 2014.

Additional Information: The original barn, machine shed, and spring house were built in 1908 and cement added when the house was

remodeled and electricity added in the early 1950s. Along with an artesian well there is an older bunkhouse and a pole building horse shed. The buildings are made with coast lumber, tongue and groove, and can't be insured for anywhere near their true value.

Contact: Ed Victor, P.O. Box 348, Sprague, WA 99032

Heinemann Family Farm, est. 1888

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Current Owner: Gary Heinemann and Beverly Scherr, Russell Heinemann, Dorothy Schoesler Disclaimer Trust

Relationship to 1989 Owner: Gary and Beverly are Wilmerd and Helen's children; Russell is Edward and Arlene's son. Dorothy was an owner in 1989.

Current Operator: Mark Schoesler

Relationship to Owner: Dorothy Schoesler's son

Overview of the farm listings

Each farm listing contains the information provided by Centennial Farm families in response to the WSDA questionnaire. Each listing is a 2014 snapshot of the farm's ownership, family connections, size of operation, and crops and livestock produced. It often includes comments about changes in the last 25 years and, as much as possible, is in the voice of the respondent.

Each listing notes the page number for the farm's profile in the 1989 book, *Washington's Centennial Farms – Yesterday and Today* or its addendum, available on the WSDA website. A farm's 2014 listing is best understood and appreciated when read with its 1989 profile, where you'll find information on the farm's establishment and its operation at the time of the state's Centennial.

The booklet is organized alphabetically by county, and within the county, alphabetically by farm name. Farms that did not respond are listed at the end of the chapter.



Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
		Farmed	Owned	Operated		
1989	2014	1989	2014		1988	2014
240	240	1,360	1,360	1,360	Wheat, barley, rapeseed	Wheat

Additional Information: The 100+ year-old home, barn and outbuilding are still in use.

Contact: Brent Heinemann, 938 Maple Valley Rd. S.W., Olympia, WA 98512

The Jirava Farm, est. 1883

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Current Owner: Ron Jirava

Relationship to 1989 Owner: one of the owners

Current Operator: Ron Jirava

Relationship to Owner: same

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
		Farmed	Owned	Operated		
1989	2014	1989	2014		1988	2014
160	160	980	950	1,110	Wheat, rapeseed	Wheat

Changes in the Past 25 Years: We've added two new machine storage sheds. Original buildings still standing include a windmill tower and house, which is still in use.

Additional Information: There has been a Washington State University research site on 20 acres since 1996.

Contact: Ron Jirava, 1551 N. Dewald Rd., Ritzville, WA 99169

The Kelsey Farm, est. 1889

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Current Owner: Janice Kelsey

Relationship to 1989 Owner: widow of Dennis Kelsey

Current Operator: Travis Schuh

Relationship to Owner: no relation

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
		Farmed	Owned	Operated		
1989	2014	1989	2014		1988	2014
160	160	6,700	1,520	1,520	Small grains	Wheat

Changes in the Past 25 Years: In 1989, the homestead was farmed by Dennis and Craig Kelsey, sons of Arlyne Kelsey, and consisted of 1,520 acres. In 2006, Craig and his son started doing most of the farming. After Dennis died in 2008, the land was divided between Craig and his family, and Janice, Dennis's widow. Janice's property includes the original parcel.

R.P. Smith Homestead, est. 1887

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This Centennial Farm is no longer owned by the Smith family. The farm left family ownership with the sale of two parcels in 1994 and 1999.

Is the Land Still Farmed? Yes. When W. Alex Smith II died in 1994, his son, Warren Alex Smith III, and daughter, Janet Smith Greenwalt, inherited the farm. Janet said her dad Alex always said "If anything happens and the farm needs new owners, find someone who's small and help them get a start." That is what Warren and Janet did. Warren sold his half of the estate to Mike Gust in 1994. In 1999, Janet sold him her half.

Contact: Mike Gust, 50 N. Thiel Rd., Ritzville, WA 99169

DOUGLAS COUNTY

The Augst Farm, est. 1888

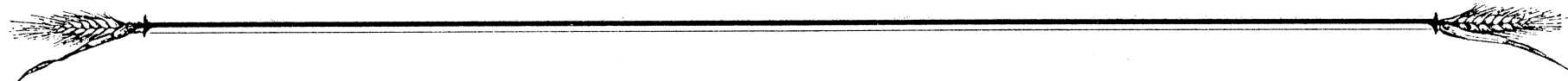
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Current Owner: KSL Woodside Farms, LLC: siblings Kathryn, Scott and Lori Woodside; JnM LLC: Mary Jacobsen and husband Bill McKeague

Relationship to 1989 Owner: The Woodsides are children of Loren Woodside. Mary Jacobsen is a daughter of Adelbert (Del) Jacobsen who farmed the Augst farm 1987-2008, and is not a family member.

Current Operator: Scott Woodside & Mary Jacobsen

Relationship to Owner: two of the owners



Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
		Farmed	Owned	Operated		
1989	2014	1989	2014		1988	2014
159	159	636	621	621	Wheat	Wheat

Changes in the Past 25 Years: The homestead house was rehabilitated in 2010. The house, chicken coop, grainery, machine shed, shop and barn are all still standing and all but the chicken coop are still in use. The barn was listed in the Washington State Heritage Barn Register on Oct. 24, 2013.

Additional Information: Viola Painter died in 2001, leaving her third of the farm to her daughter Eileen Parten, who, in 2005, sold her share to the Jacobson family. Loren Woodside died in 2012, leaving his two-thirds of the farm to his children, Kathryn, Scott and Lori Woodside.

Contact: Scott Woodside, 6802 W. Arrowhead Ave., Kennewick, WA 99336

The Hensel Farm, est. 1887

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Current Owner: James F. and Chase Hensel

Relationship to 1989 Owner: sons

Current Operator: Lynn and Gary Polson

Relationship to Owner: no relation

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
		Farmed	Owned	Operated		
1989	2014	1989	2014		1988	2014
160	160	560	400	400	Wheat, barley	Wheat

Changes in the Past 25 Years: The farm has not changed at all. The original house is still occupied. The granary and shop are still standing.

Additional Information: The Hensel farm ownership passed to brothers James and Chase in 1995. The farm has been operated by the Polson family since 1960 and is currently farmed by brothers Lynn and Gary Polson.

Contact: James F. and Chase Hensel, 2911 Orchard Hill Pl., Lake Oswego, OR 97035

John and Augusta Johnson Farm, est. 1889

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Current Owner: Gloria Tober Bourton

Relationship to 1989 Owner: one of the owners

Current Operator: Hubert Bourton

Relationship to Owner: cousin

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
		Farmed	Owned	Operated		
1989	2014	1989	2014		1988	2014
160	160	2,000	160	640	Wheat, oats, barley	Wheat

Changes in the Past 25 Years: Crops have improved.

Additional Information: Around 1982, Gloria and Joe Bourton bought the Rice and Cronin shares of the farm.

Contact: Gloria Bourton, 15 Goldy Ln., Orondo, WA 98843

The McLean Ranch, est. 1887

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Current Owner: Alex and Bonita McLean

Relationship to 1989 Owner: same

Current Operator: Alex and Bonita McLean

Relationship to Owner: same

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
		Farmed	Owned	Operated		
1989	2014	1989	2014		1988	2014
80	80	4,500	5,000	5,600	Wheat, cattle	Cattle, hay

Changes in the Past 25 Years: Went into CRP. The pasture is leased for cattle in the summer and the hay ground is harvested.

Additional Information: None of the original buildings survive. Several from the late 1930s are still in use.

Contact: Alex McLean, 30 Pershing St., Wenatchee, WA 98801

The Prange/Eggers Farm, est. 1889

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Current Owner: Lawrence Eggers
Relationship to 1989 Owner: same
Current Operator: Lawrence Eggers
Relationship to Owner: same

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
		Farmed	Owned	Operated		
1989	2014	1989	2014		1988	2014
160	160	1,713	500	1,200	CRP	CRP

Changes in the Past 25 Years: The original house burned and was replaced. The original barn, granary, shop, garage, and combine shed still stand.

Additional Information: Home was replaced with new manufactured home. Acreage is now under CRP program.

Contact: Laurence and Lyle Eggers, P.O. Box 636, Waterville, WA 98858

The Rigg Farm, est. 1889

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Current Owner: Ralph Rigg
Relationship to 1989 Owner: same
Current Operator: Ralph Rigg
Relationship to Owner: same

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
		Farmed	Owned	Operated		
1989	2014	1989	2014		1988	2014
160	160	2,700	1,100	1,100	Wheat	Wheat

Changes in the Past 25 Years: New equipment. The original shop and pumphouse still stand.

Additional Information: I am very proud of being able to keep this farm going.

Contact: Ralph Rigg, P.O. Box 828, Brewster, WA 98812

The Ruud Farm, est. 1883

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Current Owner: Jim Ruud
Relationship to 1989 Owner: same
Current Operator: Jim Ruud
Relationship to Owner: same

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
		Farmed	Owned	Operated		
1989	2014	1989	2014		1988	2014
160	160	802	2,200	2,200	Wheat, cattle	Wheat, cows

Changes in the Past 25 Years: Not much change, a portion in CRP, and my brother now runs the livestock operation. Two of the original buildings are still standing. The house is the only original building still in use.

Additional Information: This farm has been owned and operated by our family since 1883.

Contact: Jim Ruud, P.O. Box 442, Waterville, WA 98858

FRANKLIN COUNTY

Ray Bailie Farm, est. 1888

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Current Owner: Manton and Patricia Bailie
Relationship to 1989 Owner: son and daughter-in-law
Current Operator: Manton Bailie
Relationship to Owner: same

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
		Farmed	Owned	Operated		
1989	2014	1989	2014		1988	2014
100	100	1,600	3,833	3,833	Irrigated pasture for cattle	Wheat, field corn, potatoes, sweet corn, sugar beet seed

Changes in the Past 25 Years: My mother died in 2003 and father died in 2008. We updated irrigation systems, added a potato storage building, no longer have cattle and have acquired a dryland wheat farm in east

Franklin County. I'm still farming every day!

Additional Information: My parents were great role models as farmers, land stewards, visionaries, and I hope to pass that on to my four sons and two daughters. All of our kids have jobs but they come back to the farm to help with harvest and other farm-related jobs. They know how important and interesting the history of this family is and I hope they will continue this way of life for the next generations.

Correction to 1989 Book: One hundred acres of the original parcel were retained in 1989.

Contact: Manton or Patricia Bailie, P.O. Box 267, Mesa, WA 99343

The Harder Farm, est. 1883

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Current Owner: Wm. Geo., Vivian, William Jr., Eric Max, Nicole and T.J. Harder

Relationship to 1989 Owner: Wm. Geo, his wife Vivian, their son, William Jr., and grandson, Eric Max (son of Eric), were owners in 1989. Nicole and T.J. are Eric Max's siblings.

Current Operator: Wm. Geo. Harder

Relationship to Owner: one of the owners

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
		Farmed	Owned	Operated		
1989	2014	1989	2014		1988	2014
all	all	10,000	50,000	80,000	Cattle, wheat, barley, alfalfa, peas, buckwheat, bluegrass seed	Wheat, cattle

Contact: William Harder Jr., P.O. Box 99, Kahlotus, WA 99335

Jaussaud Ranches, est. 1884

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This Centennial Farm is no longer owned by the Jaussaud family. The farm left family ownership in about 2008.

Is the Land Still Farmed? Yes. Family illness caused us to sell to William Harder, our neighbor and friend. The house, horse barn, sheep barn and bunkhouse still stand.

Contact: Leontine Jaussaud Winn, 775 Village Way, Walla Walla, WA 99362

GRANT COUNTY

The Drinkard Farm, est. 1887

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Current Owner: Michael Zimbelman

Relationship to 1989 Owner: son

Current Operator: Mike Zimbelman

Relationship to Owner: same

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
		Farmed	Owned	Operated		
1989	2014	1989	2014		1988	2014
160	160	640	2,400	2,500	Wheat	Cattle, farm ground in CRP

Changes in the Past 25 Years: New well, house, and wireless facilities, new address for 911 and new shop. I purchased more land in Lincoln County.

Additional Information: My mother, who passed away a couple of years ago, was a granddaughter of John Q. Drinkard. My mother and her husband Leo Zimbelman farmed from the late 1950s until my father passed in 1987. I have been operating since then. I'm the first male heir to own this land.

Contact: Mike Zimbelman, 46968 Road V N.E., Almira, WA 99103

The O'Neil Farm, est. 1883

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This Centennial Farm is no longer owned by the family that owned it in 1989. The farm left family ownership in 2008.

The Schrock Farm, est. 1884

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Current Owner: Willis Schrock

Relationship to 1989 Owner: one of the owners

Current Operator: Dan McKay

Relationship to Owner: lessee

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
		Farmed	Owned	Operated		
1989	2014	1989	2014		1988	2014
160	160	5,500	500	500	Wheat, barley, cattle, sheep, pigs, horses	Wheat, pigs

Changes in the Past 25 Years: No change. All the old buildings except the log house are still standing and still in use.

Contact: Nellie Schrock, 321 Range St., Hartline, WA 99135

The Utt Farm, est. 1888

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Current Owner: Cathy Schrock Short and Mary Ethel Schrock

Relationship to 1989 Owner: same

Current Operator: Terry Poe

Relationship to Owner: second cousin

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
		Farmed	Owned	Operated		
1989	2014	1989	2014		1988	2014
172	172	192	172	172	Wheat	Dryland wheat

Changes in the Past 25 Years: It is the same, however we are now farming with GPS self-steering tractors and combines.

Additional Information: This Centennial Farm land is one of four parcels, comprising all 662 acres of Section 4 of Township 24 North, Range 30 East, that were acquired by Katie Utt, her husband James

Harris and her sisters, Nora and Abbie, around the time of statehood through the public land laws. All the land is still owned by family and all is currently operated by Terry Poe, his nephew Ryan and stepson Dean Thompson, under the name Poe Farms Joint Venture. Terry is a great-grandson of Katie Utt and James Harris.

Contact: Ryan Poe, 36477 Rd. V N.E., Hartline, WA 99135

LINCOLN COUNTY

Bahr Ranches, Inc., est. 1883

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Current Owner: Bahr Ranches and Cougar Ridge Inc.

Relationship to 1989 Owner: same

Current Operator: C. Daryll Bahr

Relationship to Owner: same

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
		Farmed	Owned	Operated		
1989	2014	1989	2014		1988	2014
160	160	4,200	1,683	1,683	Wheat, barley, cattle	Wheat, barley

Changes in the Past 25 Years: Brothers C. Daryll Bahr and Robert D. Bahr split the ranch property into two entities for estate purposes. Legally, it is two entities, but they farm it as one farm. C. Daryll's portion contains the original 1883 parcel, and he lives in the original home.

Contact: C. Daryll Bahr, P.O. Box 592, Wilbur, WA 99185

Bodeau Bros. Farms, est. 1881

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Current Owner: Dean and Don Bodeau

Relationship to 1989 Owner: same

Current Operator: Dean, Don, Brian, Todd and Bradley Bodeau, Todd Luiten

Relationship to Owner: owners, sons and son-in law

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
		Farmed	Owned	Operated		
1989	2014	1989	2014		1988	2014
160	160	3,800	5,950	7,612	Wheat, barley, cattle	Wheat, barley

Changes in the Past 25 Years: The farming operation has grown: we have bought some land and leased more land. Dean's sons and Don's son-in-law are now farming.

Additional Information: 1964 Northwest Lincoln County Soil Conservation Farm. 2006 Washington State Small Business of the Year. 2006 Wilbur Chamber of Commerce Business of the Year. A video about wheat farming featuring Bodeau Bros. Farm was produced in 2013 for the Washington Grain Commission.

Contact: Dean Bodeau, 36408 Bodeau Rd. N., Wilbur, WA 99185

The Chilton/Linstrum Farm, est. 1885

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Current Owner: Jim and Donna Linstrum, Jeanetta Monfort

Relationship to 1989 Owner: Joseph Linstrum's children

Current Operator: Jim and Darci Linstrum

Relationship to Owner: one of the owners

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
		Farmed	Owned	Operated		
1989	2014	1989	2014		1988	2014
160	139	2,000	1,600	1,600	Wheat, barley	Barley, CRP/hay

Changes in the Past 25 Years: CRP, transitioning back to cereal grains beginning in 2013. All of the farm will be back in production beginning in 2017.

Additional Information: Cousin Bradley Chilton Poole sold his one-quarter of the land to Jim Linstrum in 2007. Jim owns much of the ground and shares an undivided interest in a portion with his sisters, Jeanetta and Donna.

Contact: Jim Linstrum, 19030 Linstrum Rd. N., Davenport, WA 99122

The Dueber Farm, est. 1886

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The Mann Farm, est. 1889

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Current Owner: Jim, John, Lyle and Tim Mann

Relationship to 1989 Owner: sons

Current Operator: Jim Mann

Relationship to Owner: one of the owners

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
		Farmed	Owned	Operated		
1989	2014	1989	2014		1988	2014
158 and 280	158 and 280	1,300	1,300	1,300	Grain, livestock	Wheat, barley

Changes in the Past 25 Years: We got rid of the cows.

Additional Information: The Dueber and Mann farms are part of one farm operation. Anna Dueber, who became an owner of the Dueber Farm in 1932, married J.H. Mann, who owned the Mann Farm from 1921 to 1983. Their son, Jack Mann, and his wife Karene became owners of the Dueber Farm in 1966 and of the Mann Farm in 1983. Now the farms are owned by their sons.

Contact: Jim D. Mann, P.O. Box 15, Reardan, WA 99029

The Florin/Heldstab Farm, est. 1882

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Current Owner: Joyce Nonnemacher, Casey and Trea Nonnemacher, Chris Nonnemacher

Relationship to 1989 Owner: same, son and daughter-in-law, daughter

Current Operator: Casey Nonnemacher

Relationship to Owner: one of the owners

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
		Farmed	Owned	Operated		
1989	2014	1989	2014		1988	2014
320	320	1,285	1,305	4,500	Wheat, barley	Wheat, barley, pigs

Changes in the Past 25 Years: Increased in size. Almost all the original buildings are still in use.

Additional Information: Frank passed away in 2013. Joyce and Chris

are still an active part of the farm. Casey, Trea, and their five children live in the Heldstab house, built in 1906, and still farm the original homestead.

Contact: Casey Nonnemacher, 24399 Janett Rd. N., Davenport, WA 99122

The Gaffney Farm, est. 1880

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This Centennial Farm is no longer owned by the Gaffney family. The farm left family ownership in about 1997.

Is the Land Still Farmed? Yes. The farm was sold to Andy and John Rustemeyer, who still farm the land but do not live on the original farm property in the homestead parcel. The farm was sold because no one in the family was able to continue operating the family farm.

Contact: Kevin Gaffney, P.O. Box 96, Cheney, WA 99004

The Gaffney Farm, est. 1880

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Current Owner: Gaffco Farms, Inc.: Tim, Kevin, R.T. and Brian Gaffney

Relationship to 1989 Owner: four of Leonard Gaffney's sons

Current Operator: Kevin Gaffney

Relationship to Owner: one of the owners

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
		Farmed	Owned	Operated		
1989	2014	1989	2014		1988	2014
80	80	1,960	1,616	1,616	Wheat, barley	Wheat, barley, canola, triticale, alfalfa

Changes in the Past 25 Years: Was all in CRP, now about 25% CRP. Thousands of trees and shrubs have been planted. Farming is done using grass strips and divided slope and a three-year rotation system. We are also now direct-seeding.

Contact: Kevin Gaffney, P.O. Box 96, Cheney, WA 99004

The Garber Farm, est. 1880

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Current Owner: Marie Wyborney and Jay and Diane Garber

Relationship to 1989 Owner: one of the owners, Jay is Harry Garber's son, Diane is Jay's wife.

Current Operator: Jason Gray

Relationship to Owner: friend

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
		Farmed	Owned	Operated		
1989	2014	1989	2014		1988	2014
160	160	1,835	1,100	1,100	Wheat, barley, hay, feeder steers	Wheat, barley

Changes in the Past 25 Years: The land is leased to a young farmer. Farm activity has changed due to new ways of operation in farming.

Contact: Jay A. Garber, 30810 SR 231 N., Reardan, WA 99029

The Hanlon Ranch, est. 1884

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Current Owner: John F. Hanlon Jr. and Meredith L. Hanlon

Relationship to 1989 Owner: son and daughter-in-law

Current Operator: John and Meredith Hanlon

Relationship to Owner: same

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
		Farmed	Owned	Operated		
1989	2014	1989	2014		1988	2014
160	160	320	320	320	Wheat, barley	CRP

Changes in the Past 25 Years: Farm went into CRP about 1999. John F. Hanlon Sr. passed away in 2002 and ownership passed to his wife Mildred. When she passed away in 2008, ownership passed to their son, John, and his wife.

Contact: John F. Hanlon Jr., 3455 Pacific Dr., Naples, FL 34119

The Jack Harding Farm, est. 1872

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Current Owner: Tom, Doug, Don and Joe Harding

Relationship to 1989 Owner: Robert Harding's sons

Current Operator: Terry Harding and Kent Korthuis

Relationship to Owner: Tom's son and son-in-law

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
		Farmed	Owned	Operated		
1989	2014	1989	2014		1988	2014
160	160	160	2,666	10,696	Wheat, hay, livestock	Wheat, barley, canola, alfalfa, cattle

Changes in the Past 25 Years: Equipment, technology, farming practices have changed.

Additional Information: We are in a good place. The biggest threat is the government. The farm is owned by four brothers, and the eldest, Tom, has remained there to operate it. His son, Terry, is now the fifth generation of Harding men to farm the land.

Contact: Tom Harding, 39770 Harding Rd. E., Sprague, WA 99032

The Kintschi Farm, est. 1885

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Current Owner: M. James Kintschi, Tim Kintschi

Relationship to 1989 Owner: same, son

Current Operator: Tim Kintschi

Relationship to Owner: one of the owners

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
		Farmed	Owned	Operated		
1989	2014	1989	2014		1988	2014
154	154	7,300	3,400	5,300	Beef cattle, wheat, barley	Wheat, barley, cattle, hay

Additional Information: We currently have more emphasis on farmland and less livestock and pasture. The fifth generation is working on the farm. The original home is still in use.

Contact: Tim Kintschi, 11801 Reiha Rd. N., Edwall, WA 99008

The John P. Martin Farm, est. 1888

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Current Owner: Scott P. Jensen

Relationship to 1989 Owner: grandson of Amanda B. Jensen

Current Operator: Scott P. Jensen

Relationship to Owner: same

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
		Farmed	Owned	Operated		
1989	2014	1989	2014		1988	2014
80	80	996	not provided	not provided	Wheat, malting barley, millet	Wheat

Changes in the Past 25 Years: None until land ownership changes in 2013.

Additional Information: The undivided one-third shares of siblings Paul Martin, Amanda Jensen and Bertha Heikkinen's land were divided in early 2014. As a result, Scott P. Jensen owns the 80-acre original parcel of the Centennial Farm. Paul's sons, Larry and Randy Martin, continue to farm their father's share of the land, which they own with their sister, Paulette Korns. They also farm the land owned by 99-year-old Chester Heikkinen, whose wife Bertha died in 2002. All three of the farming descendants of John P. Martin consider themselves deeply connected to the family farming heritage.

Contact: Randall D. Martin, 2088 Halverson Canyon Rd. E., Creston, WA 99117

Mielke Brothers, Inc., est. 1883

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Current Owner: Mielke Brothers, Inc.

Relationship to 1989 Owner: same

Current Operator: Robert E. Mielke and Douglas C. Mielke

Relationship to Owner: same



Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
		Farmed	Owned	Operated		
1989	2014	1989	2014		1988	2014
640	640	8,500	8,900	14,000	Wheat, barley, rapeseed, hay, cattle, horses	Wheat, barley, alfalfa and grass hay, cattle

Changes in the Past 25 Years: Carl and George Mielke passed away. Carl's sons, Robert and Douglas, operate the farm. We run 450 head of Angus-cross cattle.

Additional Information: Over the last 25 years, Robert's wife Kristy and their children, Mallory, Mariah, Miranda and Maxwell, have helped keep the farm operating, as well as Douglas's wife Debbie and their children, Nathan, Andrea, Karissa and Jeff. Carl's wife Dorothy, and George's wife Edwina, still live on the farm.

Contact: Robert E. Mielke, 30596 Mielke Rd. E., Davenport, WA 99122

The Peterson Farm, est. 1883

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Current Owner: Carol and Christine Peterson

Relationship to 1989 Owner: daughters

Current Operator: Paul and Tamara Walker

Relationship to Owner: cousin

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
		Farmed	Owned	Operated		
1989	2014	1989	2014		1988	2014
146	146	2,769	466	6,960	Wheat, barley	Wheat, sheep, horses, chickens, etc.

Changes in the Past 25 Years: Ownership passed from Lawrence and Betty Peterson to their daughters in 2000. All 1989 buildings are still in use. The circa 1890 barn is listed on the Washington State Historic Barn Register and is still in use for livestock. The four-room house, built in 1887, was incorporated into a newer home, built in 1982. The crib granary, built in 1941 by Lawrence and Norman, has been converted into a residence where Christi and her husband Dan Churchill live and operate a hobby farm.

Additional Information: Lawrence retired in 1990. His brother, Norman

Peterson, operated the farm for one year, then retired. Norman's son, Bryan Peterson operated the farm until 1999. Lawrence and Norman's sister's son, Paul C. Walker and his wife Tamara are the fourth generation to farm this land, now part of a 6,960-acre operation. Their two sons are now fifth generation in the operation.

Contact: Christi Peterson-Churchill, 37515 Peterson Rd. N., Almira, WA 99103

The Robertson Farm, est. 1883

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Current Owner: Becki A. Krause

Relationship to 1989 Owner: daughter

Current Operator: Robert B. Krause

Relationship to Owner: husband

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
		Farmed	Owned	Operated		
1989	2014	1989	2014		1988	2014
160	160	1,970	not provided	not provided	Wheat, barley, beef cattle	Wheat, barley, winter peas

Changes in the Past 25 Years: Cattle are no longer on the operation. GPS is now the norm. The fifth generation is now farming.

Additional Information: C. Jack Robertson passed away in August 2009.

Contact: Robert Krause, 20299 Robertson Rd. E., Creston, WA 99117

The Sheffels Farm, est. 1889

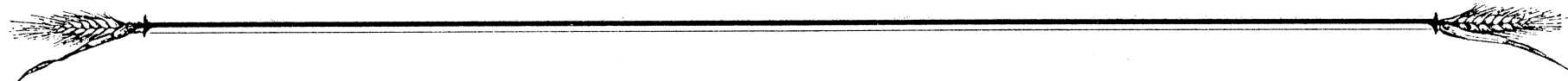
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Current Owner: Corbett Draw Farms: L. Jerald Sheffels, Susan Hegneu, Cathy Inouye, David Sheffels, Roger Sheffels Trust

Relationship to 1989 Owner: same

Current Operator: Jerry Sheffels

Relationship to Owner: one of the owners



Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
		Farmed	Owned	Operated		
1989	2014	1989	2014		1988	2014
160	160	6,800	2,300	1,500	Wheat, barley, peas	Wheat, barley

Changes in the Past 25 Years: We have changed the farming system twice, and now farm no-till direct seed.

Contact: Jerry Sheffels, 9523 Douglas Rd. E., Wilbur, WA 99185

The Smith Farm, est. 1887

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Current Owner: William A. Reinbold

Relationship to 1989 Owner: son

Current Operator: William A. Reinbold

Relationship to Owner: same

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
		Farmed	Owned	Operated		
1989	2014	1989	2014		1988	2014
160	160	4,100	6,000	6,000	Wheat, barley	Wheat, hay

Changes in the Past 25 Years: The son of the current owner/operator joined the farming operation. One barn and blacksmith shop are still standing, but are not in use.

Contact: William Reinbold, 34301 Sunset Rd. E., Davenport, WA 99122

The Teel Farm, est. 1885

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Current Owner: Richard and Barbara Teel, Rawleigh and Katy Fisk

Relationship to 1989 Owner: same, daughter and son-in-law

Current Operator: Rawleigh and Katy Fisk

Relationship to Owner: two of the owners

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
		Farmed	Owned	Operated		
1989	2014	1989	2014		1988	2014
160	160	1,100	1,100	1,100	Wheat, cattle, hay, grass seed	Wheat, barley, hay, horses

Changes in the Past 25 Years: The Fisks have taken over day-to-day operations, with Richard and Barbara still very active in all farming decisions and operations.

Additional Information: Richard and Barbara expanded considerably in the '80s and '90s by purchasing and irrigating additional land. The Teels are still active and are working to develop and sell land. The homestead is intact and will remain so. The Fisks have purchased and are leasing the home piece and surrounding land. They have built a home on the original 160 acres. A county road where Richard and Barbara live has been renamed Teel Hill Road.

Contact: Katie and Rawleigh Fisk, 38700 Phar Rd. E., Davenport, WA 99122

The Unbewust Farm, est. 1883

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This Centennial Farm is no longer owned by the Unbewust family. The farm left family ownership in three transactions between 1988 and 1993.

Is the Land Still Farmed? Yes. Current owners, Wilson and Wilson Farms, Inc., actively manage and direct farming of 780 acres. The other current owners, Gordon and Billie Herron, live on the homestead 20 acres, which have been in CRP the last three years. The Herrons had leased and farmed the Unbewust Farm from 1982 until it was sold in November 1989.

Additional Information: George and Anne Unbewust retired from farming in the 1960s and leased the farm to Alvin and Elsie Ottmar who operated it until the Herrons took over in 1982.

In 2003, the Herrons hosted a 100th birthday party for the farmhouse that was built in 1903, inviting anyone who ever lived on the farm, descendants, and neighbors. It was a gala affair, complete with a birthday cake that had a picture of the original farmhouse before it was remodeled. The original house was "mail ordered" from Sears and materials shipped by train to the site.

Contact: Gordon and Billie Herron, P.O. Box 362, Harrington, WA 99134

The Wagner Farm, est. 1884

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Current Owner: Dan and Rusanne Wagner

Relationship to 1989 Owner: son and daughter-in-law

Current Operator: Dan Wagner

Relationship to Owner: same

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
		Farmed	Owned	Operated		
1989	2014	1989	2014	2014	1988	2014
80	80	1,663	1,300	3,100	Alfalfa, cattle	Cattle, pigs, some wheat

Changes in the Past 25 Years: The farm has been pretty much the same for the past 45 years. The original log house has been remodeled and is still used.

Additional Information: Dan D. and Rusanne Wagner have owned the farm since 1996.

Contact: Dan Wagner, 28251 State Rte. 21 N., Wilbur, WA 99185

Zwainz Farms, Inc., est. 1887

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Current Owner: Zwainz Farms, Inc.

Relationship to 1989 Owner: same

Current Operator: Thomas G. Zwainz

Relationship to Owner: one-quarter owner of family corporation

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
		Farmed	Owned	Operated		
1989	2014	1989	2014	2014	1988	2014
160	160	1,440	1,440	1,440	Wheat, barley, rapeseed, grass hay	Wheat

Additional Information: Robert Zwainz passed away in 2000.

Contact: Thomas G. Zwainz, 30879 Zwainz Rd. N., Reardan, WA 99029

Non-Participating Centennial Farms

The following 18 farms in the East Central Washington region did not participate in the 2014 project to reconnect with Washington's Centennial Farms. This list notes the year the farm was established and the page it appears in the 1989 Centennial Farms book or its addendum.

Douglas County

The Smith/Long Farm, est. 1887, p. 253

The Viebrock Farm, est. 1889, p. 253

Grant County

The Jelinek Farm, est. 1883, p. 250

The Kelley Brothers Farm, est. 1883, p. 249

Lincoln County

The Beck Farm, est. 1883, p. 229

The Haak/Brommer Farm, est. 1880, p. 235

The Hammersmith Farm, est. 1884, p. 229

The J.M. Jones Farm, est. 1883, p. 242

The Landreth Farm, est. 1880, p. A-8

The Lyse/Lauritzen Farm, est. 1883, p. 240

The Mahrt Farm, est. 1887, p. 236

The McClure Farm, est. 1880, p. 234

The McKay Farm, est. 1881, p. 238

Plaster Farms, Inc., est. 1881, p. 235

The Scott Farm, est. 1882, p. 230

George Simons Heirs, est. 1887, p. 243

The Vincent Farm, est. 1883, p. A-10

The Warwick Farm, est. 1883, p. 230